

# Session #13 Using COD and GAPS to Reconcile Pell Grant and Direct Loan Program Funds

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### **Discussion Outline**

- Funding Overview
  - Terminology
  - Basics
    - 7-day rule
    - Cash management regulations
    - Reconciliation
- Pell Reconciliation



## Discussion Outline (continued)

- Direct Loan Reconciliation
- Using GAPS to request payments and manage your cash
  - Requesting payments
  - Electronic refunds
  - Drawdown adjustments
  - Reports



### **FUNDING OVERVIEW**





### **Funding Terminology**

Funding Terms:

COD = Current Funding Level (CFL)

GAPS = Authorization

ESOA = Obligation

- Origination and Disbursement Records
- Net Accepted and Posted Disbursements
- Substantiation



### **Funding Basics**

- Funding based on actual disbursements
- 7 day rule
  - Records submitted up to 7 days in advance of disbursement date can trigger change in funding
- Cash Management Regulations
  - 30 day reporting requirement
  - 3 -Day cash rule
  - Monthly reconciliation (DL only)



### **Reconciliation Defined**

 School Funding/Student Data = COD Funding/Student Data = GAPS Cash

 Common Goal: School Financial Aid Office/Business Office data matches the Department's data



### **Pell Grant CFL Process**

Initial CFL created in May.

 CFL level in GAPS is not increased until initial CFL has been exceeded.

 Schools cannot draw cash in GAPS that exceeds their CFL.



### **Pell Funding in COD**

 CFL level in GAPS is not increased until initial CFL has been exceeded.

Disbursement Release Indicator (DRI)

 Schools submit disbursement records to COD that adjusts CFL within 7 days.

## Pell Processing Example: New York, New York Poor Processing Example: Initial CFL of \$5 Million

Action	Process	Disb	DRI	CFL	Result
	Date	Date			
School submits actual disb of \$2M	8/30/03	9/12/03	Т	\$5M	No CFL adjustment No new ESOA
School submits anticipated disb of \$4M	10/1/03	1/15/04	F	\$5M	No CFL adjustment No new ESOA
School updates DRI of T for disb of \$4M	1/08/04	1/15/04	Т	\$6M	CFL adjustment on 1/8/04 of \$1M Current CFL of \$6M New ESOA of \$6M



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School submits anticipated disb of \$4M	9/30/03	10/20/03	Т	\$6M	CFL adjustment on 10/13/03 of \$1M Current CFL of 6M New ESOA of \$6M
School submits adjustment of \$100K	2/2/04	1/15/04	Т	\$5.9M	CFL adjustment on 2/2/04 of \$100K Current CFL of \$5.9M New ESOA of \$5.9M



## Pell Daily CFL Adjustments

- School Generated
   Schools submit disbursement increases and decreases throughout the year
- System Generated
   Negative pending
   Potential Over-award Project (POP)



## Pell Global CFL Reductions

Reduction for "W" Verification (April)

 Reduction to level of accepted and posted disbursement records (March)

 Reduction to level of net GAPS drawdowns (end of second year)



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## Pell Funding Reconciliation

= Dish Records = Cash

	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
3/05	\$500,000	\$750,000	\$500,000
2/04	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$500,000
11/03	\$1,000,000	\$750,000	\$500,000
	(COD)	(COD)	(GAPS)
Date	CFL -	DISD RECOIDS -	Casii



### **Pell Reconciliation Tools**

- COD Year to Date File
- COD Reconciliation File
- COD Pending Disbursement List

- COD ESOA
- COD Web Screens
- GAPS Web Reports



## **Electronic Statement of Account (ESOA)**

GAPS AWARD NUMBER	P063P034444
Previous Pell Grant Obligation	\$5,000,000.00
Current Pell Grant Obligation	\$6,000,000.00
Adjustment (Increase + or Decrease -)	\$1,000,000.00+
Previous Pell Grant Obligation/Payment	\$0.00
Current Pell Grant Obligation/Payment	\$0.00
Adjustment (Increase + or Decrease -)	\$0.00
GAPS Drawdowns/Payments	\$5,000,000.00
Date of Last Activity in GAPS	10/06/2003
YTD Total Unduplicated Recipients	1,555
YTD Pell Accepted and Posted Disbursement Amount	\$6,000,000.00
YTD Administrative Cost Allowance	\$7,500

As of Document ID/Batch ID

Payments Apply only to ":Obligate/Pay" Accounts

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## School Funding Info Web Screen (Pell)

### **MOELLER UNIVERSITY**

**Funding Information** 

**Program** Pell Grant **Award Year** 03-04

Entity ID	12333213
Initial CFL	\$2,000,000
Current CFL	\$6,000,000
Previous CFL	\$5,000,000
CFL Adjustment	\$1,000,000
Available Balance	\$ 500,000
Net Accepted & Posted Disbursements	\$6,000,000
Net Drawdowns	\$5,000,000
Total Unduplicated Recipients	1500



## Ongoing Pell Reconciliation

Financial Aid Office and Business
 Office reconcile as of September 30

- Post deadline adjustments (after 9/30
  - administrative relief, audits, decreases)



### Negative Available Balances -- example

Action	CFL	Available Balance in GAPS
School submits \$5,000,000 in disbursement records	\$5,000,000	\$0
School submits \$5,000 negative adjustment	\$4,995,000	(\$5,000)



### How to Resolve Negative Balances

Refund the cash

Adjust the drawdown

Increase the CFL

## Versus end of year closeout

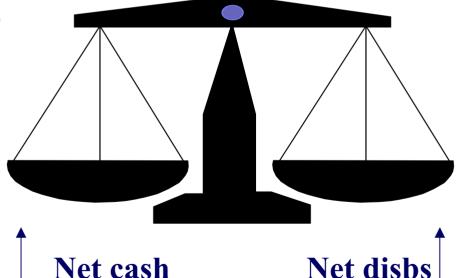
- Monthly Reconciliation
  - Process of comparing your internal records with the Department's to identify and resolve outstanding discrepancies.
- Closeout
  - Net Accepted and Posted disbursements=GAPS net cash
  - Ending Cash Balance (ECB) = 0



### When are you closed out for the award year?

 When you have finished processing, your loan records match the Departments, and your net

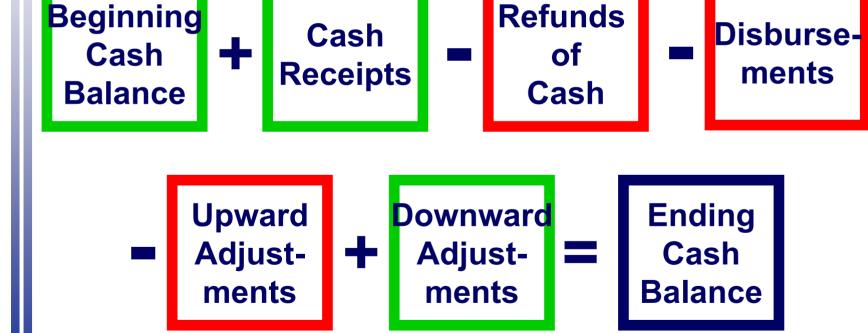
disbursements equal net cash received (zero ECB).



**Net disbs** 



## Your Ending Cash Balance Equation





## COD and GAPS Tools to help reconcile Direct Loans

COD Funding Web screens

Reports (COD)

GAPS



### **COD Webscreens**

Funding Info

Cash Activity

Summary Financial Info



## School Funding Info Web Screen

### **EDUCATION UNIVERSITY**

**Funding Info** 

**Program** Direct Loan Award Year 04-05

Entity ID	12333213
Initial CFL	\$56,000
Current CFL	\$200,000
Available Balance	\$15,000
Cash > Net Accepted & Posted Disbursements	<b>\$</b> 0
Net Accepted & Posted Disbursements	\$185,000
Net Drawdowns	\$185,000
Disbursement To Drawdown Ratio	1.0000



### **Cash Activity Screen**

#### **HIYA UNIVERSITY**

Not Draws

**Program** Direct Loan

Award Year 04-05

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	net Draws		\$30,000
	Cash > Accepted & Posted Disburseme	ents & older t	than <b>30 days</b> \$0
		<b>Totals</b>	
	Date of Transaction /		/10/23/03
	Time /		/ 1:35PM \
	Drawdowns /	\$30,000	/ \$2,000
	Drawdown adjustments	\$0	
	Refunds	\$1,000	
	Returns	\$0	
	Days for On-time reporting		
	Payment Control Number		2003102321221
	Accepted & Posted Disbursements Applied	\$20,000	│
	Cash > Accepted & Posted Disbursements	\$10,000 /	
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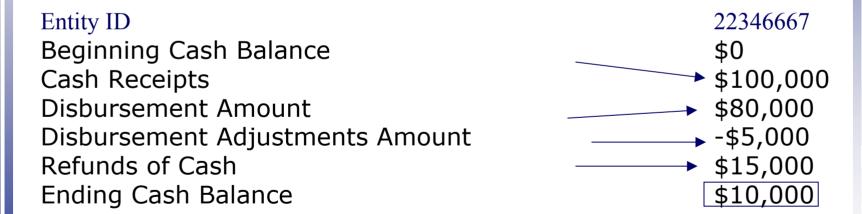


## **School Summary Financial Info Screen**

### RAILROAD COLLEGE

**Program** Direct Loan

Award Year 04-05





### Direct Loan School Account Statement (SAS) Report

- Report run from COD
  - Copied from main database
  - Loan/Disbursement Information
    - Summary
    - Detail
  - Cash Information



## SAS – Year to date Cash Summary

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School Code: G01001		
Region Code: 15		
State Code: IA		
Beginning Balance:		\$0
Cash Receipts:	\$51,731	
Excess Cash Returned: Total Net Cash:	\$7,000	\$44.731
Total Not sash:		777,102
Booked Disbursements:	\$44,731	
Booked Adjustments: Total Booked Disbursements:	\$0	\$44.731
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Ending Cash Balance:		\$0
Unbooked Disbursements:	\$0	
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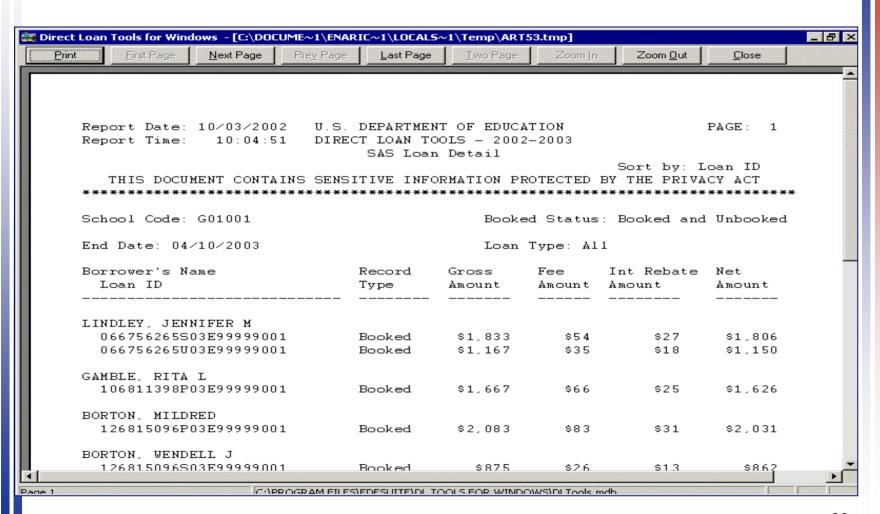


### SAS – Monthly Cash Summary

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Total Net Cash:  Booked Disbursements: \$44,731  Booked Adjustments: \$0	\$25,431			
Total Booked Disbursements:	\$44,731			
Ending Cash Balance:	\$0			
Unbooked Disbursements: \$0 Unbooked Adjustments: \$0				
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### **SAS – Loan Detail**



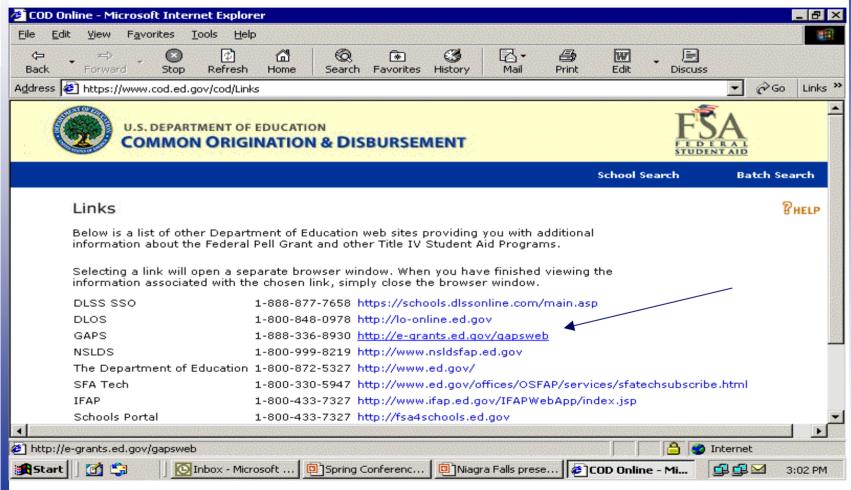


# The Department of Education's Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS)



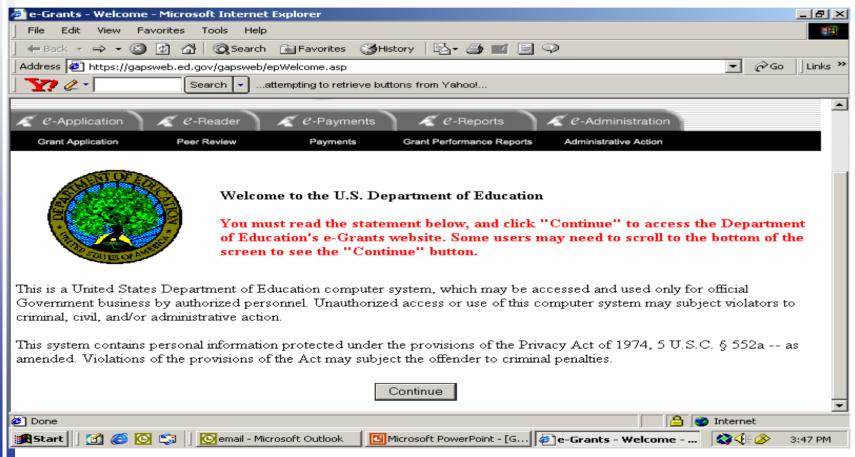


## GAPS link from COD web



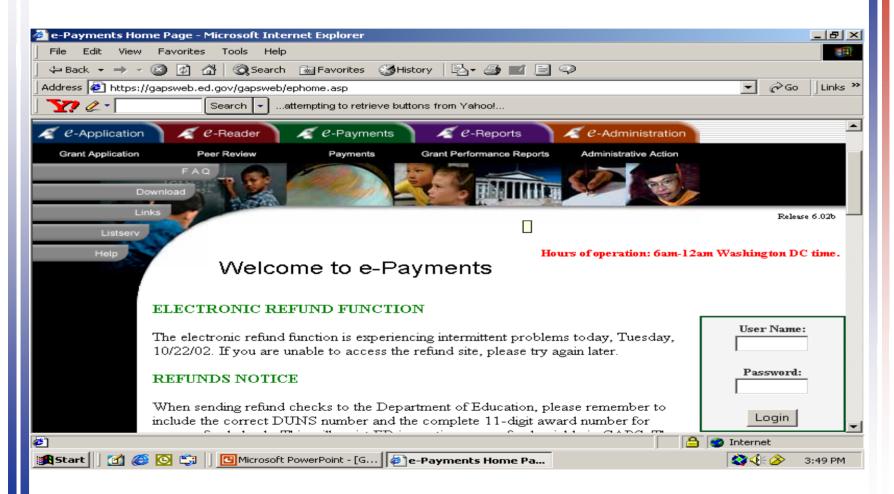


## E-Payments Website (http://e-grants.ed.gov)





### Logon to GAPS





#### **Drawdown Requests**

- Year and program specific
- Request only what you can disburse within 3 business days
- ACH requests next day
- Fedwire same day



#### Select Payment Requests from Main Menu

Main Menu

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Please select one of the following options:

Payment Requests
Reports
Refunds
Password Maintenance
User's Guide
Select New Payee
Help
Exit



## Select Create Payment from Payment Requests Menu

**Create Payment Requests** 

Modify Payment Requests

View Payment Requests

**Adjust Drawdown Amounts** 

View Authorization History

Create Direct Loan Payment Requests

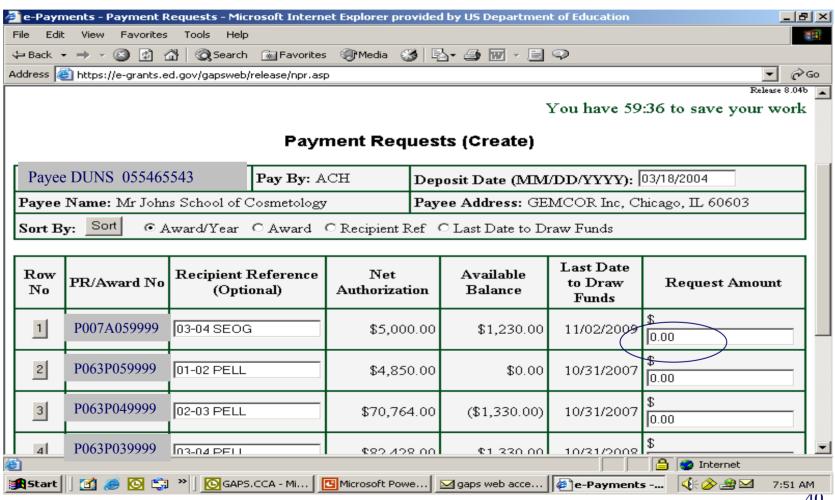
Modify Direct Loan Payment Requests

View Direct Loan Payment Requests

Adjust Direct Loan Drawdown
Amounts



#### **Enter Payment Amount**





#### **Electronic Refunds**

- Posts to GAPS within 2 business days
- School control over process
- School directs from which bank account the money will be refunded.
- Multiple refunds on one screen and at one time.
- Electronic processing reduces human error and delays.



### Select Refunds from Main Menu

#### **Main Menu**

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# Check "refunds to open awards" and "initiate refunds"

#### **Refunds Menu**

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Please select one of the following options:

- **▼** Refunds to Open Awards
  - **□**Perkins
  - **□**Interest
- □ Refunds to Closed Awards

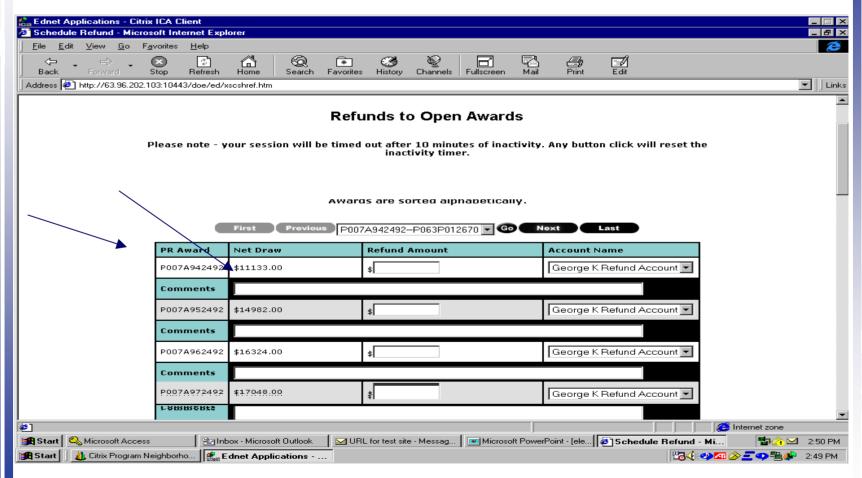
#### **Initiate Refunds**

**Bank Account Maintenance** 

Refunds Report

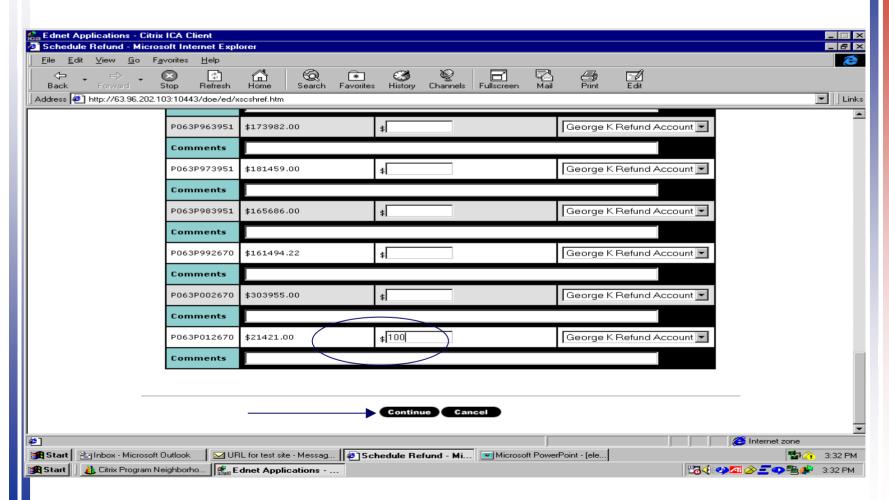


### Awards and net draws will be displayed



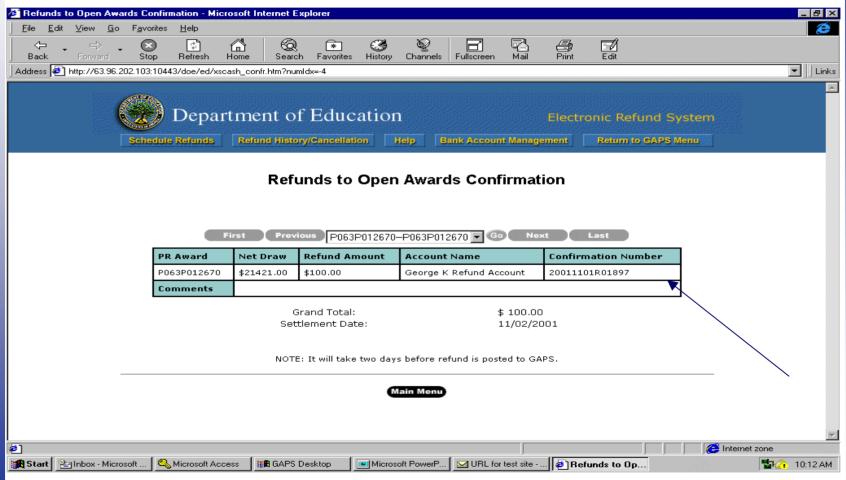


### Enter the amount(s) to be refunded





#### **Refund Confirmation**





### Drawdown Adjustments

- Can't move more than has been drawn.
- Net adjustment must equal zero.
- Do not use adjustments as a substitute for returning excess cash.
- Do not use adjustments to close out a year or bring your school's cash balance to zero.



### Select Payment Requests from Main Menu

#### Main Menu

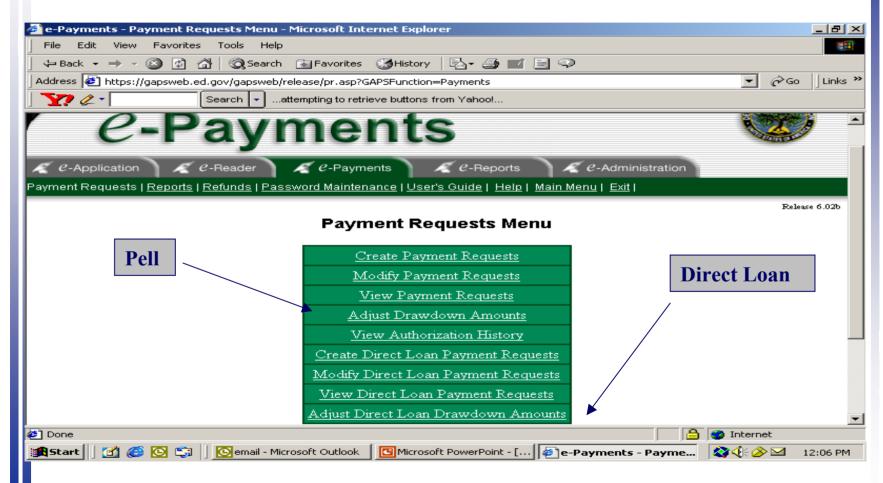
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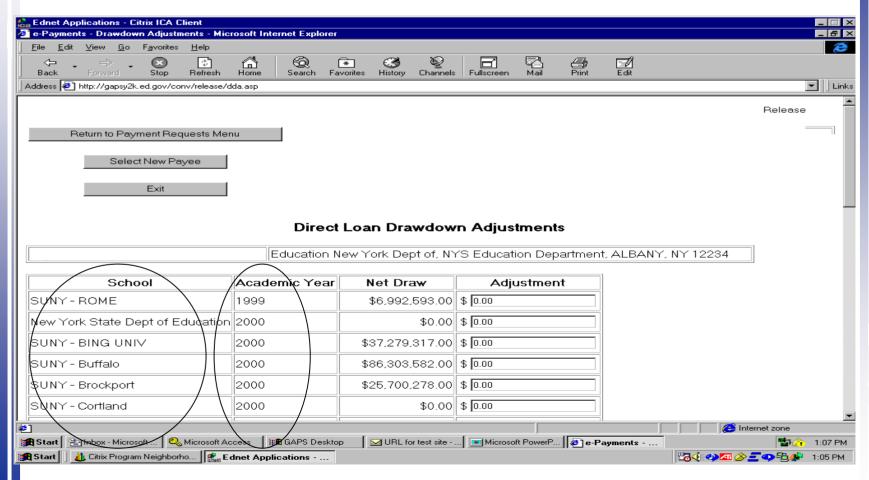


#### Select for either Direct Loan or Pell adjustments



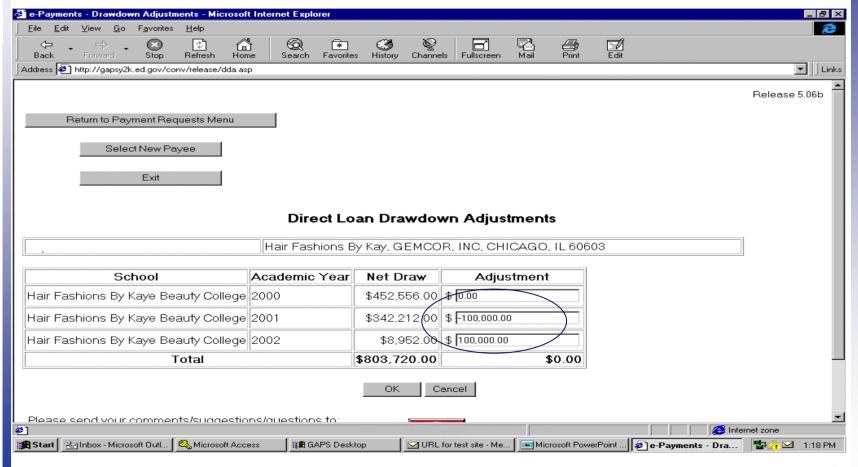


### Adjustments between years and/or campuses



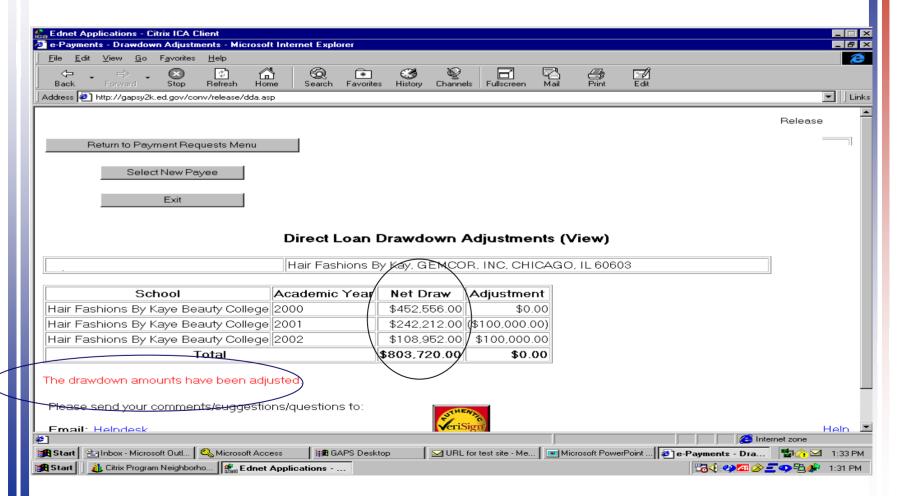


### Enter the amounts to be adjusted and click "OK"





### Adjustment Confirmation





#### **GAPS Reports**

- GAPS Reports
  - Activity Report
    - Cumulative Activity by award
    - Detail Activity by day
  - -Refund Report
    - detailed list of refunds including confirmation numbers



### From Main Menu select "Reports"

#### Main Menu

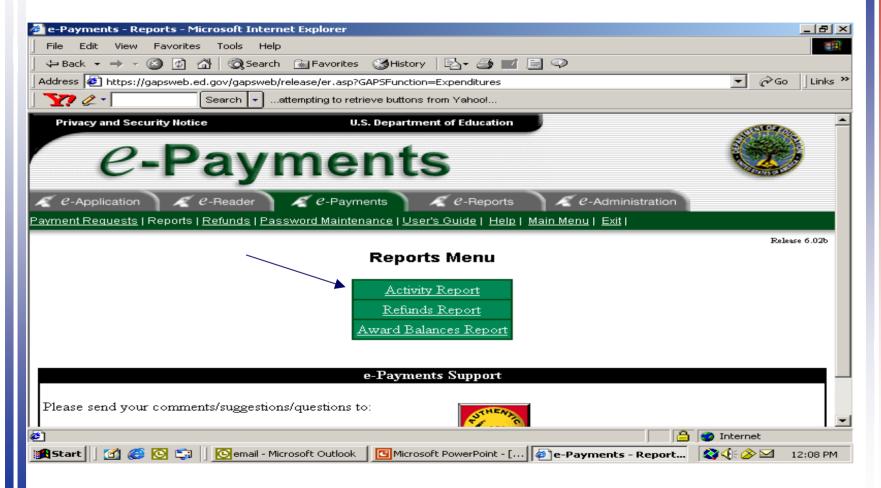
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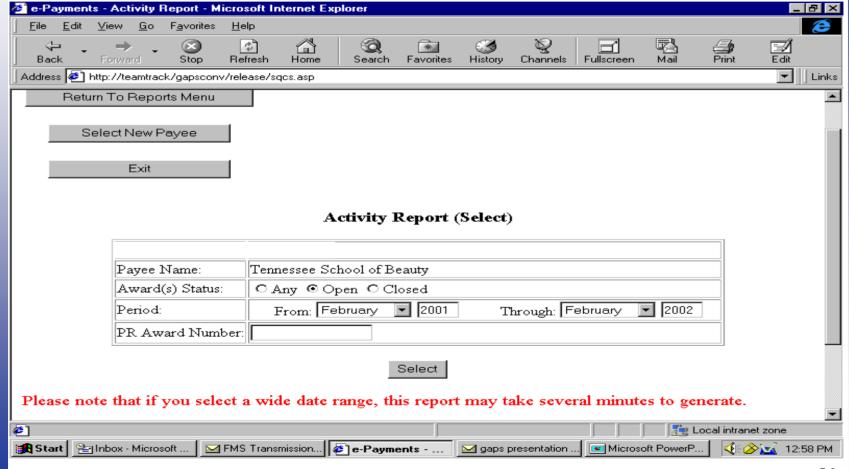


### Select "Activity Report"



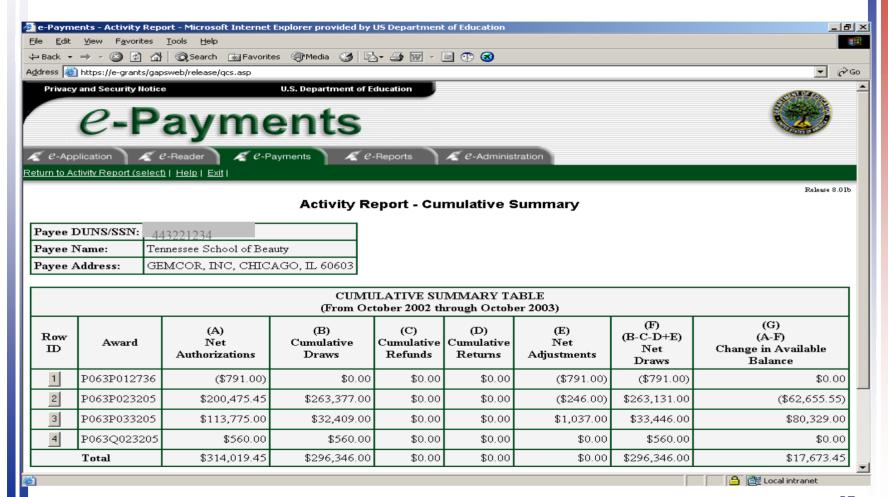


### **Activity Report Selection Screen**



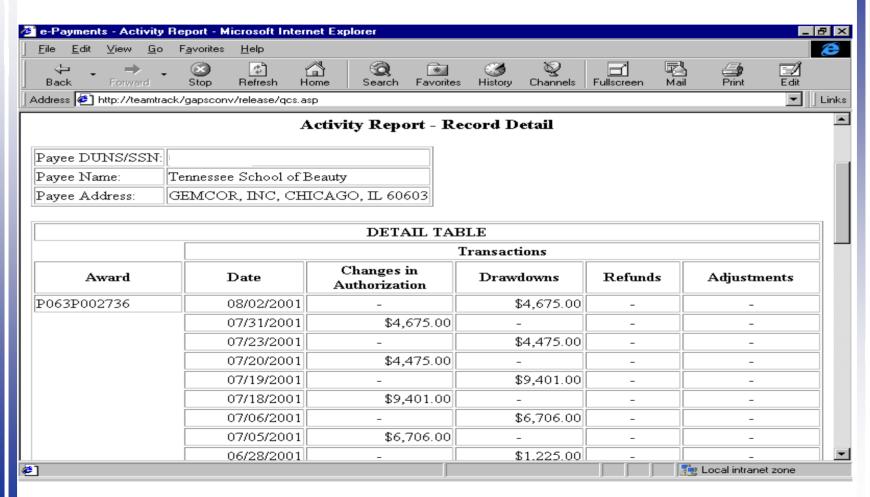


### **Activity Report - Cumulative Summary**



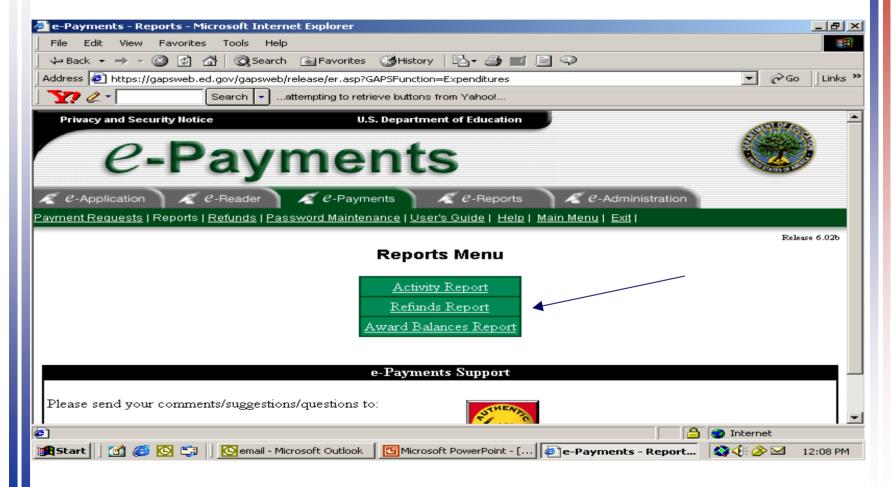


### **Activity Report - Record Detail**



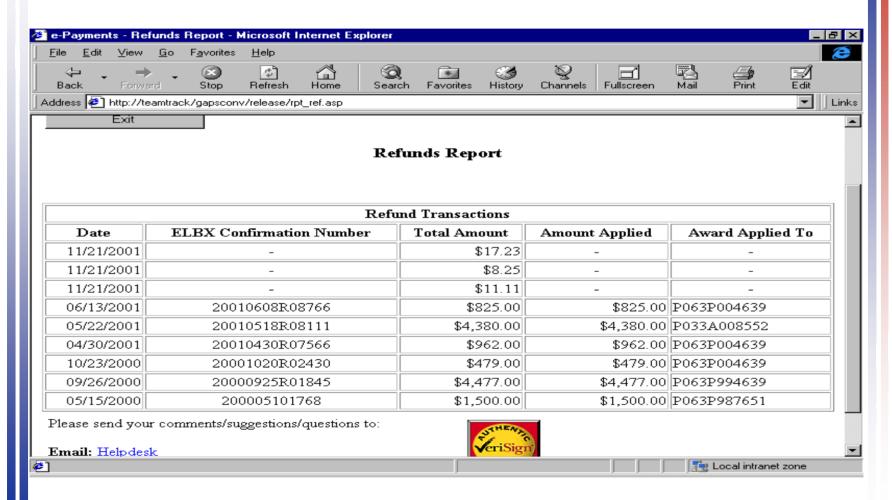


### Select Refunds Report from Reports Menu





#### **Refund Report**





#### **GAPS Access**

- Full Access
- View Access
  - Limit 5 user IDs of each access per school
- Download form off e-payment web
- Fax completed form to GAPS
  - -(202-205-0729)



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